Boggs Urges House Stop Using FBI

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House Majority Leader Hale Boggs (D La.) said yesterday that the practice of using FBI agents as investigators for the House Appropriations Committee should be stopped.

Interviewed on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Face the Nation," Boggs said he had "grave misgivings" about the government's "police branch . . . taking on the functions of the representatives of the people."

Boggs' interviewers noted that the House Appropriations Committee has for years borrowed FBI agents to do its investigative work. Speaking as a member of Congress and not as majority leader, Boggs said he felt Congress should hire its own investigators.

Boggs, who has called for the resignation of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, also cited the recording of conversations between Rep. Dowdy (D-Tex.) and an FBI informant as "proof positive" of his charges that the FBI has tapped the telephones of Congress. "If that's not bugging, I don't know what is," he said. "Tapping may have been an unfortunate use of words."

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